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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re the Application of:

EGAN et al.

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Atty. Docket No.: 3123-355

For: "METHOD AND APPARATUS  
FOR IDENTIFYING DEFECTIVE  
AREAS ON A DISK SURFACE OF  
A DISK DRIVE BASED ON  
DEFECT DENSITY" (as amended)

Group Art Unit: 2113

Examiner: Duncan, Marc M.

**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**  
**OF SEPTEMBER 7, 2004**

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Dear Sir:

This is a reply to the Office Action dated September 7, 2004 (Paper No. 6).

Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

A request for a three-month extension of time accompanies this Reply. The  
Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the credit card identified on Form PTO-2038 in the  
amount of \$1020.00 for the three-month extension fee.

Please note that the **Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

Please also note that the **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which  
begins on page 5 of this paper, while the **Remarks** begin on page 15 of this paper.

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